

## Cambridge HE+ - The Cambridge Consortium of Schools.

Cambridge HE+ is a collaborative project between the University of Cambridge and its Colleges, working together with groups of state schools and colleges in 20 regions of the UK. Saint Augustine's is part of the Worcestershire Hub of schools who participate in the programme.

### Aims of Cambridge HE+

The HE+ programme is a year-long programme of activities including academic extension classes and lectures, subject masterclasses, information and guidance sessions, and a visit to the University. The overall goal of the project is to encourage and prepare students to make competitive applications to top universities, including the University of Cambridge. Taking part in the project gives students many opportunities to develop their academic skills, understanding, and confidence, whilst also receiving advice and guidance about applying to higher education. In 2018 the University of Cambridge commissioned a UCAS STROBE report into the rates of participation in selective universities among HE+ participants. The research found that outcomes for trackable participants were 'very significantly high' compared to the control group, both for application and acceptance rates to high-tariff institutions and Russell Group universities. These results suggest that HE+ has a substantial positive impact upon participants' likelihood of applying to selective HE and of being successful in doing so.

### Involvement in the Programme

The lectures are led by Cambridge University staff and other experts in a range of fields. The aim of the lectures is to take students beyond the classroom; you may be studying biology as an 'A' Level and have an interest in natural and life sciences. Lectures relating to this include the 'Uncertainty in the International Governance of Oceans, Biodiversity and Climate Change' and 'Why Uncertainty Makes a Great Biologist'. You may be studying psychology at 'A' Level. Lectures in this include 'Social Media, Big Data and the Psychology of Uncertainty'. You will have the opportunity to explore a range of ideas and become critical thinkers in an area that you are interested in pursuing at university. You will also have the opportunity of visiting Cambridge University and spending time in one of the colleges, listening to live lectures and enjoying the experience of higher education in such a fantastic setting. Furthermore, the programme will provide guidance on applying to university and completing your personal statement.

### Next Steps

Meet with your personal tutors and discuss the programme as soon as you join us in Year 12. Your name can be added to the list of those interested in taking part in the programme. Places are limited so expressing an interest is essential.